

WATERS-WATSON COLEMAN AMENDMENT NO. 303 TO H.R. 7617

This amendment prohibits the use of funds to require hospitals, hospital laboratories, and acute care facilities to report COVID-19 data using the "teletracking.protect.hhs.gov" website that was announced by the Department of Health and Human Services in the document entitled "COVID-19 Guidance for Hospital Reporting and FAQs for Hospitals, Hospital Laboratory, and Acute Care Facility Data Reporting Updated July 10, 2020". This guidance update requires a data reporting process that circumvents the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) by ordering hospitals, hospital laboratories, and acute care facilities to send COVID-19 patient data directly to a database managed by Tele-Tracking, a private health data firm, and built by Palantir, the data mining company owned and operated by mega-Trump donor Peter Thiel. Sending COVID-19 data to a private firm instead of the CDC would harm our ability to track the spread of COVID-19.

WATERS-B. LEE-CHU AMENDMENT NO. 304 TO H.R. 7617

This amendment increases by \$5 million the funds within the account of the Office of the Secretary designated for the Minority AIDS Initiative. It is cosponsored by Congresswoman BARBARA LEE, the Co-Chair of the Congressional HIV/AIDS Caucus, and Congresswoman JUDY CHU. As a long-time leader on HIV/AIDS issues, I established the Minority AIDS Initiative in 1998, working with the Clinton Administration and the Congressional Black Caucus, and I know how important this program is for minority communities that continue to be severely and disproportionately impacted by HIV/AIDS. These additional funds will allow the Minority AIDS Initiative to provide HIV/AIDS prevention, screening, and treatment services to additional people in affected minority communities.

WATERS-C. SMITH AMENDMENT NO. 305 TO H.R. 7617

As the Co-Chair of the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease, I offered Amendment No. 305 to increase by \$5 million the funds for the BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act. This bipartisan amendment is cosponsored by Congressman CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH, the Republican Co-Chair of the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease. This amendment increases funds for BOLD from \$14.5 million to \$19.5 million, bringing the account close to the authorized level of \$20 million, in order to jump start the development of a public health infrastructure for Alzheimer's patients, their families, and their caregivers.

WATERS-SCHAKOWSKY AMENDMENT NO. 306 TO H.R. 7617

This amendment increases by \$5 million the funds for the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) within the Maternal and Child Health account of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The amendment is cosponsored by Congresswoman JAN SCHAKOWSKY. The AIM program assists state-based teams to improve the quality and safety of maternity care with the goal of reducing maternal mortality and improving maternal health. According to HRSA, the rate of pregnancy-related deaths in the U.S. has more than doubled since 1987, and non-Hispanic Black and American Indian/Alaskan Native women are significantly more likely to die from pregnancy related causes than non-Hispanic White women. An increase in funds for AIM will help

improve maternal health and enable more pregnant women to safely deliver their babies.

CONCLUSION

I want to thank the Rules Committee for making in order each of these amendments, and I urge my colleagues to vote "Yes" on each of these amendments.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHIEF ROBERT KNOX ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS THE CHIEF OF ZIONSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Knox on the occasion of his retirement as the Chief of the Zionsville Police Department. Chief Knox has spent the last thirty-five years serving and protecting the people of Zionsville, including the last nine as Chief of Police. For the entirety of his career, Chief Knox was dedicated to his true calling as a public servant, rising through the ranks of the police department. The people of Zionsville and Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Chief Knox's commitment to the law and the protection of the City of Zionsville.

Robert Knox grew up on the west side of Boone County where he attended Western Boone High School. Upon his graduation, Robert attended Vincennes University where he completed a four-year apprenticeship as a pipe fitter. During this time, Robert became a reserve officer for the Zionsville Police Department following in the footsteps of his father Darrel who was a military police officer. This is when he says he discovered his true calling as a police officer. Following his discovery, in 1982, Robert was offered a full-time job with the Lebanon Police Department. He graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy and on September 15, 1984, then returned to Zionsville to begin his career as a Zionsville Police Officer.

Robert fell in love with the community he was serving, getting to know the people and becoming a well-known community figure. His friends and colleagues know how adamant he is about getting out of his patrol car and getting to know the people he served and protected. Through the years, Robert rose through the ranks within the department. After his start as a patrolman, he advanced to detective, detective sergeant, detective lieutenant and captain in charge of the Criminal Investigations Division. During his time with investigations, Robert spent time assisting the Metro Drug Task Force, the Boone County Homicide Task Force and the Hamilton Boone County Joint Task Force. In 2011, after spending years serving and protecting the people of Zionsville, Robert was promoted to his role as Chief of Police.

As the chief of police, Robert continued his dedication to community engagement through programs such as "Coffee with a Cop," the Teen and Citizens academies, the Drug Take Back program and more outreach programs all aimed at building a strong relationship with the community. Chief Knox had many successes during his tenure as the chief of ZPD, includ-

ing adjusting to a growing city. As the population increased, Chief Knox adjusted to the growth by adding officers and reinstating the department's K-9 unit. When Chief Knox was sworn in, the department had 25 full time employees and today the department has 38 full time officers, a 50% increase. Chief Knox's tenure also including partnering with Zionsville Community Schools to establish the School Resource Officer Initiative.

Chief Knox made a remarkable impact on his community and the lives of his friends, family and colleagues. He has truly left a legacy of success in the community of Zionsville and in the Fifth District of Indiana that will be built upon for years to come. On behalf of the City of Zionsville and the Fifth District of Indiana, I congratulate Chief Robert Knox on his extraordinary career and I extend my gratitude for all the wonderful contributions he made to our community. I wish the very best for Chief Knox and his entire family in whatever endeavor he takes on next.

IN RECOGNITION OF MISSOURI'S FIRST RESPONDERS

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2020

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Missouri's first responders who work selflessly to keep our communities safe. I am tremendously proud and grateful for the Police Officers, Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Professionals who leave their own families and put themselves in harm's way to take care of others. Emergency Dispatchers communicate with terrified victims, frantic witnesses, worried family members and suicidal citizens. They are a calming influence for everyone who calls . . . the reassuring, competent voices in the night that offer peace, assistance, and comfort.

On any given day, first responders may be called to rescue someone from a burning building, break-up a vicious assault, settle a family dispute, or simply help a grandparent who has fallen. No matter what the situation demands . . . bravery, diplomacy, initiative, versatility or compassion . . . they provide exactly what is needed in that moment.

Just like during tornados and floods, first responders are on the frontlines of today's COVID-19 crisis and they are being put in situations that were unfathomable just a few months ago. EMS workers are struggling to keep up with a dramatic increase in 9-1-1 calls while enduring shortages of protective equipment and frequent exposure to the virus. Police departments are fighting to keep the peace when large numbers of their workforce are in quarantine and morale is challenged by anti-police rhetoric dominating the national discourse. Fire departments are often understaffed, especially in rural areas, but that doesn't stop them from working tirelessly to keep communities safe amid volunteer shortages. And, emergency dispatchers don't have the option to work from home . . . they are managing an increase in call volume while working in close quarters, which prevents social distancing.

Missouri's first responders embody the very best of the American spirit. With charity and